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ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PANHANDLE AREA, LAOS 1647N 10606E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS RECENT ROAD AND ROAD BY-PASS CONSTRUCTION ON ROUTES 91 AND 911 IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE.

2. LOCATION:

THE ACTIVITY OBSERVED IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY SIX NM NORTHWEST OF TCHEPONE AIRFIELD.

3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A BY-PASS ON ROUTE 91 EXTENDING FROM 1648N 10605E (UTM XD163591) TO 1645N 10607E (UTM XD197534). THE BY-PASS FORDS THE SE NAM KOK AT 1649N 10606E (UTM XD176596) AND AT 1646N 10607E (UTM XD200539) PROVIDING A ROUTE AROUND A FREQUENTLY INTERDICTED CHOKE POINT ON ROUTE 91 AT 1646N 10606E (XD183546 TO XD178557).

TWO ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION AREAS ARE OBSERVED BY YT/SL 373W.

ALTHOUGH INDICATED ON THE MAP INSET, PHOTOGRAPHIC QUALITY PRECLUDES THEIR PRESENTATION WITH PRINTS ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD.

THE FIRST OF THESE INCLUDES A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION WEST FROM

ROUTE 911 AT 1650N 10603E (UTM XD122617) TO 1650N 10601E (UTM XD09161935X1

CONSTRUCTION HERE CONSISTS OF CLEARING OPERATIONS AND SURVEY LINES FOR

APPROXIMATELY 1.7 NM. NO EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ON

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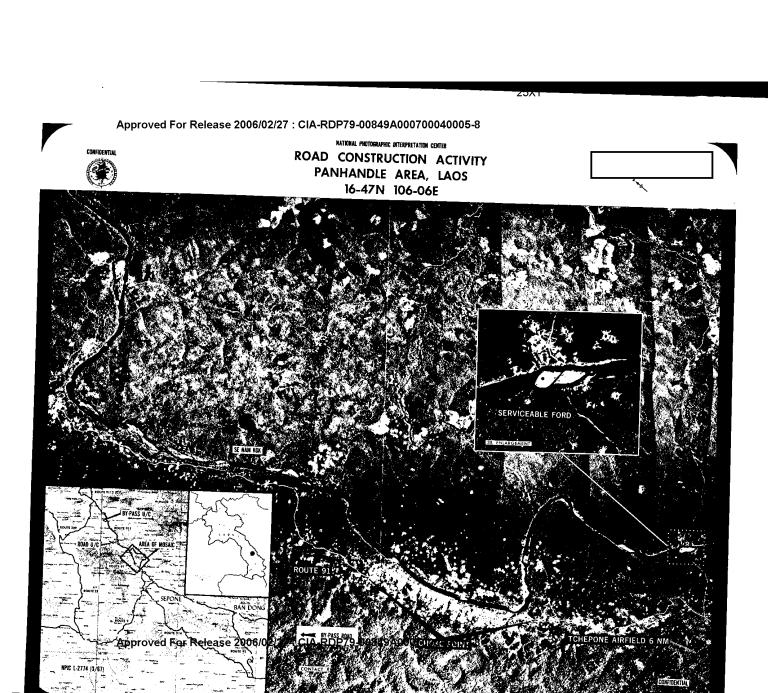
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THE SECOND AREA OF ACTIVITY IS A BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 1654N 10600E FROM UTM XD080691 TO UTM XD083686. CONSTRUCTION HERE CONSISTS OF INTERMITENT CLEARING AND GRADING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE NM. WHEN COMPLETE IT WILL SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE FOR FREQUENTLY INTERDICTED STREAM CROSSING AT UTM XD080688.

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